DO NEW YORKERS WANT THE EMPIRE STATE CUT INTO TWO COMMONWEALTHS?

Facts In Relation to the Proposition Which Men of Prominence Point Out-

A. B. HEPBURN ADVISES CAUTION.

I do not think it wise to do violence to the Empire State nor impair its prestige by any such method. The city of New York suffers no inconvenience from having the country districts attached to it, nor does the country suffer by being part of a great State, which includes the Metropolitan city of the country. Political considerations ought not to have any weight. Parties are ephemeral, one succeeding to-day and the other to-morrow. Any scheme devised for political effect usually reacts upon its promotors.

A. B. HEPBURN.

President Third National Bank, in an interview.

WURSTER OPPOSES A NEW STATE.

I have read Mr. Sheehan's proposal to separate Greater New York from the State of New York, and create a state to be called Manhattan. I do not agree with him. I think that sometimes we want the safeguard and check of the State Legislature, and that it would not be wise to entirely out off city from country.

> FREDERICK W. WURSTER. Mayor of Brooklyn.

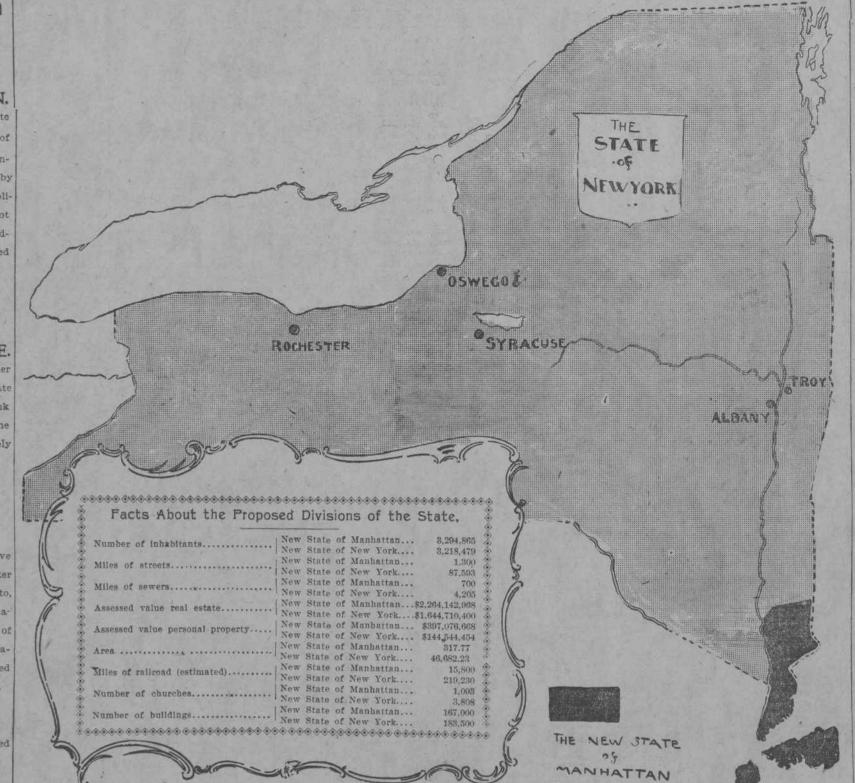
ONE BIG THING AT A TIME.

Before going in to divide the State as proposed, I believe in completing the work of the consolidation of Greater New York. "One thing at a time," should be our motto. aspecially in big things. I have no doubt it will be advantageous for New York City, with its three to five million of population, to become independent of the Albany domination. That can wait, however, until we have fully digested HENRY CLEWS. the greater city.

DAVID B. HILL ON THE PLAN.

I do not regard the measure as having been proposed

DAVID B. HILL, in an interview.



Wording of the Acts Which, If Passed, Might Result in a New State--- "Manhattan."

TEXT OF THE TRAINOR ACTS

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Providing for the submission of the question "For the formation and constitution of an independent State" to a vote of the people of the Countles of New York, Kings, Queens, Richmond. Westchester, Suffolk and Putnam.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The territory referred to in this act is as follows, to wit: County of New York, County of Kings, County of Queens County of Richmond, County of Westchester, County of Suffolk and County of Putnam.

Section 2. At the next general election held in this State there shall be submitted to a vote of the duly qualified electors of the said territory the question "For the formation and constitution of an independent State," and for this purpose there shall be provided by the proper authorities in each election district therein a separate ballot, as required by the provisions of Chapter 909 of the Laws of 1896, entitled "An act in relation to the elections constituting Chapter Six of the General Laws," and any act or acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto for the submission of proposed constitutional amendments or other propositions

Section 3. Within ten days after the votes upon this question "For the formation and constitution of an independent State" shall have been canvassed and returned, the Secretary of State shall make and file in his office the result of said vote of each county within the territory mentioned in the first section of this

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately. Introduced by Assemblyman Trainor, March 24, 1897-read once and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Consenting that Congress may create a new State out of territory within the jurisdiction of the State of New York,

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The consent required by Section Three of Article Four of the Constitution of the United States is hereby given for the formation of a new State out of that territory within the jurisdiction of the State of New York included within the boundaries, as now constituted, of the Counties of New York, Kings, Richmond, Queens, Suffolk, Westchester and Putnam.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately,

Introduced by Assemblyman Trainor, March 24, 1897-read once and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

with any sincerity of purpose.

Shall There Be a New State?

On the heels of the greater city looms the shadaw of a greater State.

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The shadaw of a greater state shadaw of iated city of New York, with a small sl'ce of contiguous territory, should lop itself off from the parent State and have its own

enate and Assembly to enact its laws? Herewith this question is answered 'n a measure. Men of light and leading have expressed themselves on the subject of the negaure introduced by Assemblyman Trainor. Some of them applaud the 'dea. ome of them deprecate it. Others con essed, on being approached, that it was too big to be made the subject of a definite ment without earnest thought. Parenthetically may be recited briefly the steps needful to add another star to the

What the Constitution Says. is what the Constitution of the United States has to say on the subject: New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; bus no new State shall of any other State, nor any State be formed by the junction of two or more States or parts of States, without the consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned, as well as of the Congress.

Who can foretell the action of Congress, assuming that the measure reaches Congreus? The most obvious consideration that suggests itself is that the Western Representatives will scent in the proposition a dark plot to swell the Senate representation of the effets East.

possessing a greater State, as well as a greater city. For Manhattan would be a greater State than the residue of New York. In wealth, population and commerce it would be superior to the discarded pa-

of 3,294,865, against its big neighbor's Rapid transit system deast cost). Rapid transit system probable cost. Afron the could boast \$2,264,142,968. Amount above debt limit (greatest). 3,218,479. It could boast \$2,264,142,968 worth of real estate against the other's \$1,644.710,400; \$397.076,668 worth of personal property against \$144,544,454 worth.

Albany were passed, which appropriate there is certainly a trend in favor of sepa out \$50,000,000 for New York improver the said which add that amount to the 's's indebtedness, the limit of debt the Tammany leader intimate again that the organization of which he is the head in the organization of which he is the head in

Following is a statement of the city debt, as represented in bonds and stocks outstanding March 31, 1897:

FUNDED DEBT

Payable from Sinking Fund, Chapter 79 Laws of 1880.
Payable from Sinking Fund, Constitutional amendment, adopted Nowmber 4, 1884.
Payable from taxation, under authorized statutes.
Bonds issued for local improvements, after June 9, 1890.
Debt of Annexed District, laws of 1874.
Debt af Annexed District, laws of 1895.

Total funded debt.

Deduct Sinking Fund investments and cash. Net funded debtTEMPORARY DEBT.

718,134

\$11,431,597 CASH. 908,088 883,050 1,781,500,000 53.912.000

It is quite an important consideration GENERAL DANIEL E. SICKLES-The Against these claims all that could be ad- that in case of division some other State,

The City Finances.

(Classification of Bonded Debt.)

\$119,238,214 8,907,600 1.802.562

rent. In the disintegration of the Emp re
State the smaller fragment would be clearly entitled to retain the sentimental designation "Empire." For, without this city
and its teeming environment, the State of
New York would be indeed a sorry Empire.
Figures in the New State.

Let the figures be considered. The baby
state of Manhattan could boast a population of 2 204 885, scalars its his regishbors.

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Chance for Other States,

9,823,100 the State will soon have a majority in the Assembly and Senate, and will then be able to "cut loose."

On the other hand, Mayor Wurster, of 35,144,602 Brooklyn, is opposed to separation, on the ground that rural legislation is "a safe-

464,500 NEW YORKERS, PRO AND CON.

\$198,533,628 Views on the Proposed New State by Men in Business, Politics and Other Walks.

> ASHBEL P. FITCH, City Comptroller-In regard to the proposition to create a State of Manhattan, I have nothing to say. In regard to the cause of the agitation I will say this: That if the Legislature pass half the bills it is now considering, the limit of indebtedness of the city of New York will have been reached. It would be much more than exceeded if the aggregate debt thereby created be added to the cost of the rapid transit scheme. The city will have to pay for the proposed system of rapid transit at least \$35,000,000, and in my belief it will cost much more. This in itself would almost wine out the \$54,000,000 which is the amount that may yet be expended before the debt limit is reached. Commissioners are now at work fixing the valuations for Greater New York. This will change the limit of indebtedness.

Chance of Or Other States, Scale property against £44.54.64.54 words where the state of the State of New York, shore of the State of Manhattan and other things incidental to great she.

The only States exceeding Manhattan in population would be illinois, Missouri, Onto and Pennsylvania. Broad Texas, and empire in itself, would be beaten by some thing like 200,000.

The affectionate diminutive applied to Rhole Island would lose its significant size of the Choice of the Cho

taxation in the future for this city. They ought to stop fleecing New York. Home rule would come with a new State

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Home rule would come with a new State
of Manhattan.

PROFESSOR GEORGE C. STREETER—
I am in favor of the division of the
State of New York into two separate
commonwealths, for the reason that the
interests of the city and country are
our representitives must be in the minority in the State Legislature we will
be subject to the caprice of country
members, who understand neither the
wishes of our people nor the needs of
our city. I believe it is the only way
in which we can secure that measure
of home rule which is the just prerogative of our great municipality and free
ourselves from the burden of unequal
taxation, sumptuary legislation and the
domination of country legislators.

WHAT BROOKLYNITES SAY.

Some in Favor of the New State Idea, While Others Do Not Take So Kindly to It.

on Albany control or supervision as an unmixed cvil. City government is often of such a nature that a country check acts as a safeguard. As to the bills that are being considered at Albany, that involve heavy taxation, I presume they are mostly for needed improvements, and that the main question will be as to whether or not there is enough money to pay for them. What

JULIAN D. FAIRCHILD, president of the Kings County Trust Co.-I do not look would take not only the consent of the Griffith that he was Dr. J. H. Williams, of

Which Passed the Check on the Columbia National Bank?

ARE THEY THE SAME?

Whiteman in Dansville and New York at the Same Time, According to Witnesses.

helpless. At present Brooklyn can call on the country members for help.

WILLIAM B. A. JURGENS, wholesale grocer, Brooklyn—My first impressions are strongly in favor of the new State of Manhattan. Many country members of the Legislature mismaderstand the needs and requirements of the great cities of New York and Brooklyn, and, although with the most honest intentions, are likely to pass measures that are antagonistic to the welfare of these great communities. If the new State were formed we would have home rule, both as to laws affecting taxes and those affecting personal liberty. I feel strongly in favor of the proposition.

CONGRESSMEN OPPOSE IT.

At Washington the Statesmen Have Given Little Thought to the New State Scheme.

Washington, D. C. April 6.—New York

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Walter Dunean, the porter of the Lake-wood Hotel, testified that Whiteman was at the hotel under the name of Whitting and the laster than the saw him to the 6:30 train in the ers were unable to make up their minds whether the saw and the laster the witnesses are honestly mistaken or whether they are committing perjury. The character of the witnesses on both sides of the case seems to preclude the latter the witnesses on both sides of the case seems to preclude the latter theory. They include a minister, a bank case took its various forms first against Whiteman were studies. They make the pace, a baggage master, a saleswoman, a hotel porter and police officers. All swear to fortune by his father. He failed, went to Minnesota and became a State Senator. He was the author of the Whiteman was born in Dansville and was self and cashed a check at noon in the Columbia Bank, of this city, the others are attentioned to the case seems to preclude the latter than the form and police officers. All swear hotel porter and police officers. All swear hotel porter and police officers. All swear hotel porter and police officers and any officers are applied to the weight the form and the form of the winter and the form of Washington, D. C. April 6.-New York maintain that at the same hour he was in Congressmen are giving but little attention to the proposition to divide New York State into two commonwealths. To them it seems chimerical. The difficulties in well groomed man presented himself at the State, but an act of Congress. The South Brooklyn. He gave a check for \$3,670 on The Greeks in this city celebrated the and West would object to adding two Sen- the City National Bank, of Brooklyn, as a birthday of Grecian Independence in a

the Anniversary of the Little Nation's Independence.

State, but an act of Congress. The Substance of the State, but an act of Congress. The Substance are not substanced by the substance of the State of